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For: MAGNETISM BASED NUCLEIC ACID
AMPLIFICATION

Examiner: Stephanie K. Mummert

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 18, 2009, for which a response was due on June 18, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 20, 2009 (July 18, 2009 falls on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.